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Continuation of 2. NOTE: The proposed addition to claim 1 reciting that the "suction pad" is "displaced" if insufficient pressure is detected raises new issues that would require a further consideration of the art.

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